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SUBJ: EMBASSY ENTRANCE STRUGGLE BETWEEN MILITIAMEN AND UN-
IDENTIFIED MAN

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1. AT 10:40 A.M. JULY TWENTY-NINE, EMBOFF LEAVING EMBASSY THROUGH TUNNEL FROM COURTYARD TO ULITSA CHAIKOVSKOGO SAW TWO MILITIAMEN STRUGGLING WITH AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN ON THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY. A THIRD MILITIAMAN ARRIVED AND THE STRUGGLE RESULTED IN THE UNIDENTIFIED MAN FALLING TO THE GROUND UPON WHICH THE THIRD MILITIMAN CALLED FOR HELP AND A FOURTH MILITIMAN ARRIVED. EMBOFF STOPPED CAR HE WAS IN AND RAN TO CONSULAR SECTION WHICH LOCATED IMMEDIATELY OFF TUNNEL, AND SUMMONED A CONSULAR OFFICER, BUT UNIDENTIFIED MAN WAS NOT THERE UPON RETURN. ABOVE SCENE ALSO WITNESSED BY WIFE OF ANOTHER EMBOFF FROM BEHIND AUTOMOBILE STOPPED IN TUNNEL. NEITHER EMBOFF NOR WIFE KNEW IDENTITY OF MAN STRUGGLING WITH MILITIAMEN OR CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE STRUGGLE.

2. UPI CORRESPONDENT WALLACE LATER INTERVIEWED EMBOFF WHO HAD WITNESSED INCIDENT, AND EMBOFF GAVE STRAIGHT-FORWARD ACCOUNT OF WHAT HE HAD SEEN. WALLACE ALSO QUESTIONED
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CONSOFF RE GENERAL PROBLEM OF ACCESS TO EMBASSY, ASKING

SPECIFICALLY IF OTHER COMPARABLE INCIDENTS HAD OCCURRED.
CONSOFF REPLIED HE HAD NOT PERSONALLY WITNESSED ABOVE
INCIDENT, BUT THAT ACCESS TO EMBASSY WAS LONG-STANDING
PROBLEM, AND THAT PRIOR INCIDENTS IN WHICH NUMEROUS MILITIA-
MEN FORCIBLY REMOVED PERSONS FROM AREAS IMMEDIATELY IN
FRONT OF EMBASSY WERE A MATTER OF RECORD. WALLACE SAID
HE "MIGHT" FILE STORY ON ACCESS PROBLEM AS RESULT OF
APPARENTLY SERIOUS INCIDENT OCCURRING DURING CSCE SUMMIT.
IN THESE AND SUBSEQUENT INQUIRIES BY REUTERS AND UPI,
EMBASSY HAS INDICATED THAT THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE
TO STATE THAT THE UNIDENTIFIED MAN WAS TRYING TO ENTER
THE EMBASSY AND THAT NO ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED BY THE
EMBASSY.
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